PITB MAKES PUNJAB's STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME DATA PUBLIC
NO MORE GHOST SCHOOLS-TEACHERS-STUDENTS IN PUNJAB-Umar Saif

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The online real time data of Literacy and Numeracy Drive (LND) system developed by the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) in collaboration with School Education Department for quality teaching and learning in the Province of Punjab made public during a press briefing here today by Dr. Umar Saif Chairman PITB.

He said that with the LND system now Punjab has no ghost school, teacher or fake admission anymore and today the literacy and numeracy data has been made public at: http://open.punjab.gov.pk/schools. This data was generated from tablet-based quizzes for grade 3 students from across the Punjab schools. Over 6.7 Million geo-tagged quizzes were conducted across 17 Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) in the last 2 years and data of the same was now public while results from all these quizzes were being published in real-time for everyone to see, he added.

Dr. Saif further said that a few countries of the World have such system to measure the learning outcome, which has been initiated in the Punjab by random visits of Monitoring and Evaluation Assistants (MEAs) to collect real time data through tablet-PC based student assessment app linked to an extensive question bank tagged with the relevant student learning outcomes for preparation of result cards by EDOs for review by the Chief Minister during stock-take after every three months to assess how much students of 53,000 schools were learning or understanding through measuring their performance, which has been recently lauded by the World Bank and other donor agencies.

He added that the system also records the missing utility facilities like boundary wall, washroom, water and electricity in schools, which has overall much improved now. The particulars of 14 million students, their parents and 325000 teachers were verified from NADRA through their Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC).

About 329,000 students are assessed monthly. Almost 6.7 million assessments have been conducted by MEAs till now. The data is shared with education administrators via an online dashboard and SMS-alerts.

He informed that it was being considered to move towards regime to monitor private schools' education quality as well to have comprehensive data of literacy, quality teaching and learning in collaboration with the management of these institutions. However, online school complaints system for public schools could also be used for the private schools, he added. This assessment platform can be extended for any grade level, as and when the School Education Department decides to measure student learning outcomes for other grades as well.